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FRIDAY EVENING.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, MARCH 13, 1914.

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FIERRO, THE GOAT

One of Gen. Villa's Subordinate Officers Arrested

On the Charge of Killing Benton, the Englishman.

RESULT OF INVESTIGATION

Being Carried on by Gen. Carranza's Commission.

Responsibility for Bauch's Execution Also Is Fixed.

El Paso, Tex., March 13.—Reports received here from Americans arriving from Chihuahua, to the effect that the Carranza commission has caused the arrest of Major Rudolph Fierro, one of General Villa's subordinate officers, as the slayer of William S. Benton, a British subject, were given credence today by those interested in the case. The reports stated that Major Fierro is being held on a blind charge, for the killing of two Mexican railroad men in a resort at Chihuahua. At the time of Benton's execution it was reported Fierro was in General Villa's office, said to have been the scene of the execution.

It is known the Carranza commission began its investigation with the information that Benton had been killed by Fierro. General Carranza's commission is said to have gathered convincing evidence that Col. Fidel Avila, commander of the rebel garrison at Juarez, ordered the execution of Gustav Bauch, the German-American who was tried as a spy but in whose case no verdict was rendered. Denial that Bauch was killed had been made by rebel officers at Juarez. Bauch was not executed until two days after General Villa had left Juarez, it is said.

It is not known whether Avila had earlier been executed, but the commission is said to have evidence indicating that he directly ordered the execution of the German-American. Denial that Bauch was killed had been made by rebel officers at Juarez. Bauch was not executed until two days after General Villa had left Juarez, it is said.

Writ of Habeas Corpus Asked For. San Antonio, March 13.—Formal application for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of General Mercado, Mexican federal commander, arrested at Fort Bliss, was filed in federal court today.

BODIES SWEEPED AWAY.

All That Went Down With the Monroe Are Gone.

Washington, March 13.—All the bodies which sank with the Old Dominion liner Monroe, when she was rammed by the merchant ship Nantuxet, off the Virginia coast, on January 30, have been swept out of the wreck by a strong submarine current.

Divers having nearly 200 additional pounds of lead on their equipment found it impossible to remain on the bottom of the wreck. Forty-three lives were lost in the collision. How many of these went down in the ship is not known, but there was hope of recovering some bodies.

WESTINGHOUSE DEAD.

Inventor of Air Brake Succumbs to Heart Disease.

New York, March 13.—George Westinghouse, a foremost figure in the world of engineering and inventor of the air brake that bears his name, died Thursday at his residence in this city. Heart disease manifested itself about fifteen months ago, and the end came a few hours after it became publicly known that Mr. Westinghouse was seriously ill. He was sixty-eight years old. Funeral services will take place at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church on Saturday and the burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

Westinghouse became an inventor at the age of 15, when he produced a rotary engine. Four years later he constructed a device for replacing the railroad steam cars. Then when 21 years of age he sought the financial backing of the late Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt for his now famous air brake perfected after three years of labor.

"Do you mean to tell me you can stop a railroad train by wind?" demanded the commodore.

"Well, yes, inasmuch as air is wind, I suppose you are right," the youth answered.

"I have no time to waste on fools," the commodore said, thus abruptly terminating the interview.

Westinghouse sought and found capital elsewhere, manufactured his invention and made high speed possible on railways, revolutionizing traffic systems and inaugurating a notable era of railway development.

Mr. Westinghouse did not confine his genius to railroad. For a half century he continued to make other contributions to electric as well as engineering advancement. His inventions and improvements had to do with railway signaling; the development of the alternating current system for electric lighting and power devices for safety and for economically conveying natural gas and using it for individual and domestic fuel; air springs for motor vehicles of all kinds and a geared turbine system for the propulsion of ships developed in collaboration with the late Admiral George Meville, U. S. N., and John H. McAlpine.

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NEW LOBBY FOUND

Andrew Carnegie's International Peace Endowment

Has Been Working for Repeal of Tolls Exemption.

ALLOTTED \$23,000 TO SPEND

Has Circulated 1,000,000 Pamphlets Urging Repeal.

Distributed Root's Speech Under the Senator's Frank.

Washington, March 13.—Activities of Andrew Carnegie's endowment for international peace in favor of a repeal of the Panama tolls exemption, were brought out before the senate lobby committee today in the testimony of James Brown Scott, secretary of the endowment. It was developed the endowment expended thousands of dollars in a campaign of education. Scott testified that more than a million copies of a pamphlet urging repeal under date of March 15, 1913, were distributed. The endowment also distributed, Dr. Scott testified, 715,000 copies of Senator Root's speech urging the repeal.

Senator Walsh brought out that there was an allotment of \$23,000 for circulation of Panama canal literature and that the 715,000 copies of Senator Root's speech had been sent out by the endowment under the senator's frank.

Mr. Scott said the order of the executive committee directing this action had been taken in Senator Root's absence.

"This is a peace society, isn't it?" demanded Senator Reed.

"It is," answered Scott.

"Just what has it to do with the Panama tolls question?" asked Senator Reed.

"Its business is to smooth out misunderstandings."

"And yield to other nations?" asked Senator Reed.

"You will find no yielding to other nations in our attitude," Scott declared.

The Endowment's Appeal. The pamphlet issued by members of the board of trustees of the Carnegie endowment for international peace, under date of March 15, last, was signed by Jos. H. Choate, Andrew D. White, Charles W. Eliot, John L. Cadwalader, Ellhu Root, Luke E. Wright, Charlemagne Tower, R. S. Woodward, Austen G. Fox, J. G. Schmidlapp, Robert S. Brookings, Oscar S. Strauss, Samuel Mather, James S. Slayden, Charles S. Taylor, Henry S. Pritchett, William M. Howard, Cleveland H. Dodge, Robert A. Franks, Nicholas Murray Butler, Arthur William Frazer and James Brown Scott. Its appeal was as follows:

"The greatest interest of the United States, as a free nation, is to represent rightly before the world the principle of civil and religious liberty and the public efficiency and well being which those principles develop, and thereby to promote the adoption of these principles the world over."

"This is of great material, as well as great moral interest. In comparison with this large interest the interest of the United States in its coastwise vessels sinks into insignificance."

"By securing the repeal of that part of the act of congress on the Panama canal which provided for the exemption of the coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls, the American people would embrace a precious opportunity to prove that they understood the highest interests and recognized their duty to promote it for the benefit of mankind."

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reference, in part, when he made his recent attack in the senate upon the Carnegie endowment.

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FOR LOWER RATE

Petition for Decreased Phone Bills in Topeka.

Place Charges on Level of Other City Rates.

NOT UNEASY ABOUT MOVE

Bell Officials Lay Blame to New Pay Rule.

Hearing Before State Utilities Commission.

Petitions asking the public utilities commission to revise local telephone rates to conform with rates in force in several other Kansas towns are being circulated today in both the residence and business sections of Topeka. The petitions may not be presented to the utilities commission for a week or ten days.

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OIL NEAR TOPEKA

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TO TEST THE LAW

Constitutionality Income Tax Law Is Attacked.

Union Pacific Stockholder Brings Action in N. Y.

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